



Parish of St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul

South Belconnen

First Sunday of Advent
Year A
1 December 2019

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Hearing Aid Loop is installed in both church centres, turn your hearing aid to the T switch

This Week:

Is 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14

Masses:

Saturday Vigil	St Vincent's	6.00pm
Sunday	St Matthew's	8.30am
	St Vincent's	10.00am
Samoan (4th Sun)	St Matthew's	1.00pm
Korean	St Vincent's	3.00pm
Tuesday	St Vincent's	5.30pm
Wednesday	St Matthew's	7.00am
Thursday	St Vincent's	9.30am
Friday	St Matthew's	9.30am
Saturday	St Matthew's	12.00pm

Mass of Anointing:

1st Friday in Mar & Sept	St Matthew's	9.30am
1st Thursday in Jun & Dec	St Vincent's	9.30am

Children's Liturgy:

1st & 3rd Sun	St Vincent's	10.00am
2nd & 4th Sun	St Matthew's	8.30am

Confessions:

Saturday		
St Matthew's	11.00am-11.50am	
St Vincent's	5.00pm - 5.30pm	

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion:

Monday	St Matthew's	7.00am
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Legion of Mary

Saturday	St Matthew's	10.15am
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Baptisms:

2nd Sunday	St Matthew's	11.30am
4th Sunday	St Vincent's	11.30am

Weddings: By appointment

Calvary Public Chapel

Sunday Mass	11.15am
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Calvary Private Chapel

Thursday Mass	11.15am
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Entrance Antiphon: (not said if hymn is sung)

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let's go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

W. I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's house. And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

M. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R.**

W. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace! **R.**

M. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

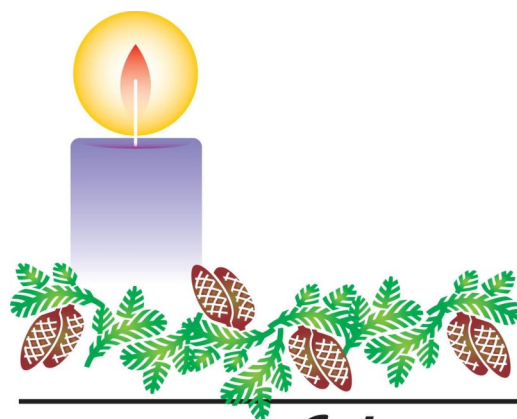
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: (not said if hymn is sung)

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Commissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion:

Take Christ to his people who cannot be here with us today. Be blessed by the giving of the greatest gifts.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Next Week:

Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick:

Naomi Aldons, Caroline Aldridge, Martin Baker, David Baker, Sue Bartlett, Nancy Biviano, Fr Laurie Blake, Michael Brayshaw, Ian Brown, George Bulbrook, Lisa Baulman, Leslie Cheeseman, Mary Cleary, John Clerk, Monica & Colin Colquhoun, Mary Coman, June Donnelly, Pat & Jim Dunne, Frances Dyball, Joachim Exell, Ryan Fawke, Ivka Ferinas, Grace Fluitsma, Amy Fogarty, Grant Hanrahan, Bruce Hassall, Mick Hay, Christine Hermely, Richard Hourigan, Paul Idilton, Graham Jackson, Cath Jane Keen, Sarah Kelly, Val Kilmier, Michael Mathias, Phyl McAlister, Jill McDonald, Mary-Anne McGrath, Dr Graeme McIntosh, Terry Miners, Monica Molloy, Peter Naughton, Cedric Netto, Me con Nguyen Thi No, Noel Noonan, Belinda O'Flynn, Dana Riminic, Peter Robbins, Paul Shanahan, Sister Yvonne, Peter Stewart, Nicole Tavares, Richard Toombs, Lina Varmiento, Jenny Webster, Berenice Wright and Robert Wrightson.

We pray for the deceased:

Recently: Belinda Allen, Carmel Hannon, Ross Hattersley, Doug Chandler, Barbara Hayes-Rosario, William (Bill) Bruce, John Turner, Heather Reid.

Anniversaries: Pam Duffy, Vida Kabaila.

Parish News

What's On ...

Sat 30/11 6pm Vigil Safeguarding Pilot Project launch
Thu 5/12 7pm Plenary Council session, MH
Thu 12/12 6pm Ladies Dinner,

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

will be celebrated on 6.30pm at St Matthew's School oval. Children are invited to be involved in different parts of the Mass: welcoming, entrance procession, reading, collections, offertory procession. If your child/ren wish to be part of this celebration please contact Kristy Marks (0402 823 171 or krispymarks@gmail.com by **Friday 6 December**.

Columban Calendars are now available in church foyers for \$9 each. Copies of **The Way - Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2019** also available for gold coin donation.

Christmas card available in the Foyer of St Vincent de Paul Church. \$8.50 per 10 pack.

Tinnies for Vinnies

Thanks to those parishioners who have been leaving their 10 cent refundable bottle at the Orana Centre garage. Vinnies has now received \$600 to assist those in need. Please keep up the good work.

The next **Parish Ladies Dinner** will be held at 6pm on **Thursday 12 December** at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison. All welcome!

Please RSVP numbers or any enquiries to the parish office, belconnensouth@cg.org.au or Jenny on 0437 034 148 or Joy 6254 2888. Please also let us know if you need transport.

South Belconnen Parish Planned Giving Renewal

Please place any completed planned giving renewal forms in the boxes in each foyer.

Planned Giving Renewal Forms and Direct Debit forms (to set up or to change your current amount) can also be found in church foyers.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve

6.30pm St Matthew's School oval, Page (see flyer)
9.00pm St Vincent's Church, Aranda

Christmas Day

8.30am St Matthew's Church, Page
10.00am St Vincent's Church, Aranda
3.00pm St Vincent's Church, Aranda (Korean)

South Belconnen Parish - Prayer Groups

Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Vincent's Tuesdays 4.20pm-5.20pm.

Prayers only at St Vincent's on Mondays 10am-11am.

Christian Meditation each Wednesday 6pm at Aranda Parish Centre (contact Suzanne Groves 6251 6681).

Centering Prayer Meditation at St Matthew's Marian Hall every 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7.30pm (contact Peter Ahern 6254 7168).

Rosary at St Vincent's Thurs 9.05am & St Matthew's Saturday 11.30am.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Your cash donations in support of the extensive charitable works of Vinnies throughout the parish area, particularly at this time of Christmas, will be sought **this weekend**.

Reply paid envelopes are on the pews in both churches. There will also be retiring collections at the Masses.



Library News

The following items are now available for loan from the library at **St Matthew's Church**

- Barron, Robert: ***To light a fire on the earth: proclaiming the Gospel in a secular age***
- Rohr, Richard: ***The universal Christ: how a forgotten reality can change everything we see, hope for and believe.*** Richard Rohr's latest book
- Treston, Kevin: ***Opening doors: a seeker's reflections on the rooms of Christian living.*** Explores issues facing Catholics in Australia

This library is located in the vestibule of the church. To borrow, fill in the sheet in the blue **Borrowing Folder** located on the shelf. Any queries or suggestions contact Megan Thompson on 6254 0524. **Reminder** - Please return items as soon as you have finished.

Plenary Council 2020 - Parishioners are invited to discuss the theme "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is inclusive, participatory and synodal?" for phase 2 of the Plenary Council. This theme will be explored in Marian Hall, Page at 7pm on **Thursday 5 December**. More themes will be offered in early 2020. For more information call Mary 0438 631 657.

An Invitation to Mothers of our Parish

A small group of young women have met twice over the last couple of months to establish a group for mothers of our Parish, where ideas and questions about bringing up their children in the Catholic faith can be discussed and shared. It is hoped by coming together, women will connect with others in the Parish, new friendships will be formed and the group will support one another in bringing the faith alive for themselves and their families. We look forward to others joining us in 2020! If you are interested or know someone who maybe, please invite them along too.

With the busyness of Christmas and school holidays looming, the group will meet again in February, 2020. Date will be advised as soon as possible.

If you are interested in becoming part of this vibrant group of South Belconnen mothers please contact Louise Heywood (lmheywood@bigpond.com or 0421 288 302) for more information.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish office will be unattended on Thursday 05 December 2019. For any emergencies please ring the Parish Office and leave a message. All notices for this bulletin should be submitted by 10am Wednesday 04 December 2019. Thank you.

Around the Archdiocese

Christmas Market - 7 December 8.30am - 2pm - Kangara Waters Retirement Village (2 Joy Cummings Place, Belconnen).

St Caecilia's Choir will hold its annual Carol Service on Sunday 8 December at 7.30pm at the Chapel of St John the Evangelist, ANU. All welcome. Contact Maria Henry on mrhnry@gmail.com.

Friar Alessandro at St Christopher's Cathedral: You are invited to an evening of Christmas music & readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan singer Friar Alessandro. Friar is on his first ever tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. **Entry FREE or By Donation** with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Date & Venue: Monday 9 December at 6pm, St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra. **Bookings essential** via www.voicefromassisi.org.au. There is also a Parish sign-up sheet at the rear of the Church.

Reception of the Children to be Baptised into St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul Parish Family

We welcome the following children who are to be baptised and received into the Catholic way of life.

- Sienna Senti, daughter of Andrew & Rhonda
- Sam Gilbert, son of Leigh & Renee
- Bentley Motbey, son of Johathon & Kristy

(after the Homily the families of those to be baptised will be asked to come forward and stand on the sanctuary facing the people)

Celebrant: Dear Parents, what Christian Names have you given to your child?

Parents: *(each parent gives the child her/his Christian Names)*

Celebrant: Why did you bring you child here to (St Matthew's or St Vincent's) today?

Parents: To be baptised.

Celebrant: My dear parents, you have formally asked to have your child baptised.

In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of raising your children with a knowledge and love of God, nourished by family prayer and by your participation in the life of the Church through celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments and by the example of your life lived out according to

the values of the Gospel. It will be your duty to bring your children up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: I ask you all present who as baptised members of St Matthew's & St Vincent's Parish Family and the whole Church, do you welcome these children into our Church Family and will you pray for them and their families?

Parishioners: We will.

Celebrant: Our Parish Family welcomes you into our Christian Community with great joy. In its name, I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your foreheads and I ask your parents, godparents and representatives of St Matthew's & St Vincent's to do the same.

(Parents, godparents and the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for this Mass now sign each child on the forehead with a prayerful Sign of the Cross)

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Presider: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning and no end, be a sign of God's everlasting love for us.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Presider: As we kindle the flames on these candles each week, may a spirit of love be kindled in our hearts, so that we will be ready to welcome Christ this Christmas.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Presider: May his coming bring true peace on earth and herald the dawn of a new day.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

First candle is lit to the Refrain of Christ Be Our Light by Bernadette Farrell (As One Voice vol 2)

Roster for St Matthew's and St Vincent de Paul Churches

1 December				8 December		
	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am	Aranda 6.00pm	Page 8.30am	Aranda 10.00am
Readers	Cheryl Hamill Charmaine Miranda	Janet Moyle Elizabeth Owen	Ann Cleary Tom Liddiard	Bernie Leger Jenny Murphy	Mary Morris Christina Rowe	Gerard Hogan Anne McCarthy
Senior Servers	Damien Sloane	John Woods	Michael Allam	Roger FitzGerald	Vince Burns	Robyn Grubmueller
EMHC	Lynne Foster Margaret Sloane	Joan Murphy Cathy Power Damien Power Jan Woods	Judi Ahern Mina Chiu	Lorraine Higgins	Carolyn Burns Jo Duck John Duck	Annette Charge
Counters Banker	Ed Skrzypczak, Bernard Williams			John McKeough, Parish Secretary		
A&L	P - Jan Cashman A No flowers during Advent			P - Yvonne McAdoo A No flowers during Advent		